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SACRAMENTO FELON NABBED IN PILOT PROGRAM **PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that RAMON MICHAEL CLARK, 31, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge John A. Mendez to possession of ammunition by a felon.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Sacramento Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Philip Ferrari, who prosecuted the case, CLARK came to the attention of Sacramento Police through a pilot program requiring merchants to collect identifying information from persons purchasing ammunition. On February 10, 2008, CLARK purchased 50 rounds of .25 caliber ammunition from Big 5 Sporting Goods on Mack Road in Sacramento. In compliance with a recently enacted ordinance, CLARK was required to submit his driver's license and a thumbprint to complete the transaction. Using this information, Sacramento Police officers determined that CLARK had previously been convicted of possession of marijuana for sale and possession of narcotics while armed, both felony offenses.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Mendez on November 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. The maximum statutory penalty he faces is a ten year term of imprisonment. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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